THE STEAMBOATMEN'S WELCOME TO A NEW CRAFT IN THE RIVER.

A Charming Young Gentlewoman Who Commands One of the Biggest Steamboats That Floats on the

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.) MEMPHIS, TENN., February 23.-

Among the steamers that travel up and down the Mississippi river is one that bears the name of an Indian tribe that long ago lived and loved on the Banks of mighty stream-The Natchez.

Recently, as this floating mansion moved slowly from its moorings at the New Orleans, its own signal of departure brought answering whistles from every boat, large and small, within the harbor.

The occasion of all this bediam of noises was the steamboatmen's welcome to a new craftsman in the profession. For the first time Captain Blanche Leathers was commanding the Natchez.

There, upon the main deck, stood a charming young woman guiding the destiny of the great white steamer, a lately-acquired master's license giving her the right to assume this, for a woman, novel position. Although two other women have entered the field, Captain Mary Miller and Captain French, who is also a pilot, neither tf them have ever com-manded a steamer of such proportions as

A RED-RIVER CAPTAIN. Captain Mary Miller, who died a short time ago, ran her small craft in what is known as the Red-river trade, and was a stramboatman in the fullest sense of the word, an invalid husband and her son and daughters holding clerical positions under her. A large crayon portrait of Mrs. Miller has a place of honor on the walls of the New Orleans custom-house. CAPTAIN FRENCH.

Mrs. French is in command of a show-boat that travels through rivers and bayous, tying up here and there for a night's performance. Besides commanding this miniature theatre, she holds the wheel and makes the landings herself. and makes the landings herself.
Captain French and Captain Leathers
are now the only women who hold licenses
to command on the great river.
If you were to board the Natchez and
ask for Captain Blanche Leathers, you

COMMANDING THE NATCHEZ.

after passing a brilliant examination, she gained the right to be registered as a

GIVES HER HUSBAND ALL THE CREDIT.

Captain Blanche credits her husband with having inspired her with the am-bition to adopt a captain's title. "Knowing my knowledge of the bust-

BATTLE-BALL.

Brand-New Gymnastic Game Played on an Indoor Court or Field.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, February 23.-A brand-new game has been invented. It is called

"battle-ball," and as it embraces at once some of the features of bowling, handball, tennis, cricket, base-ball, and football, there is no doubt but that it will

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PLAYERS.

DIAGRAM FOR BATTLE-BALL.

speedily become one of the popular games of the day, particularly as it can be played in the gymnasium or out of doors.

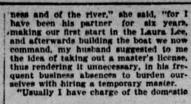
We owe the invention to Dr. Sargent, of Harvard University, whose life is devoted to devising and prescribing exercises for the physical education of young people.

for a new athletic or gymnasium game, and forthwith he invented one which, as he says in his little pamphiet describing the game, should be so simple that any one can play it without long training or previous practice. After considerable experimenting he evolved battle-ball.

LAYING OUT THE COURT.

Sargent concluded there was need

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BILLS

INTRODUCED

AMONG THEM ONE TO CREATE A

NEW COUNTY OUT OF CLEVELAND.

Make Bonds for State and Munici-

pal Officers-l'resident of the Sen

RALEIGH, N. C., February 25.-(Spe

cial.)-The most important new bills in-troduced in the Legislature to-day were

making bonds to be paid out of trust

funds; to require corporations which issue

scrip or checks to pay these in cash at option of holders. A bill was tabled to secure equal payments of debts of insot-

DYING.

Senator Franck, President of the Sen-

ate in a Dying Condition.



CAPTAIN BLANCHE LEATHERS. affairs of the boat, shopping for it, mend-ing for it, looking after the linen, and, in Ing for 4, looking after the linen, and, in fact, seeing that the domegite employees live up to their duties, and that there is no unnecessary leakage in my department. This is an immense saving to the boat, Only in my husband's absence do I take entire charge, and this, while a responsibility, is not an onerous duty, for we have very efficient officers, all of them, notwithstanding a paragraph that has gone the round of the press, are men."

HER STEAMER HOME. HER STEAMER HOME.

Captain Blanche most emphatically declares that she is a perfectly nappy woman; that her life is a full and busy one, free from all petty annoyances, and blest with comfort and ease, which no one can doubt who, has had the privilege of visiting the apartments on the Natchez that were specially designed for those two captains, who are partners for life, in the broadest sense of the word.

These apartments are esconsed high upon the main deck, and are spacious, and most luxurious in finish and appointments. Broad, plate-glass windows (shaded when needed by pretty drapery)

and most luxurious in finish and appointments. Broad, plate-glass windows (shaded when needed by pretty drapery) on every side, give a charming outlook upon the country. Pictures, books, piano, and dainty bits of needle-work scattered about, tell of the occupants' love of the beautiful.

After viewing it all one can truly sym-

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This was the forty-first day of the legislative session; a day more than two-thirds of its legal session. It is amazing how little has been as yet done.

To-day the work of crecting the great derrick at the Confederate monument at the west gate of the Capitol Square began. It is required to place the shaft in position. It will require at least another month to complete the monument, as fully a month has been lost by reason of bad weather. and weather.

The Fusionists had a meeting this eve-

ning to devise some plan for getting hold of the patronage of the penitentiary. It is something which they specially de-PAINFUL INJURIES.

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Yesterday while a little son of Senator Moody was playing with some boys in the Capitol and sliding down banisters he lost his hold and fell some fifteen feet to the granite floor. His head was injured, an arm broken, and a finger cut open. His condition is serious. He fell on one elbow and for head

and forchead.

There was another severe accident, and a curious one, here yesterday, in which Mr. George Moore, a son of the late Hon. B. F. Moore suffered what may be a life injury. Mr. Moore was at a hotel and a dog ran between his legs, tripping him so he fell with great force. His hip-bone struck and was broken. His physician has little hope that he will ever recover from the injury.

THE TAX RATE.

The chairmen of the finance commit-

The chairmen of the finance commit-tees of the Legislature tells me that they will recommend twenty-two cents as the tax rate; this being the same as that fixed by the last Legislature.

fixed by the last Legislature,
It is an open secret now that the Populists do not feel nearly so much interest in the repeal of the county government law as they did before they lost hope of being able to push through their "cumulative voting" plan.
W. H. Martin, for years chief clerk of the revenue collector's office here, will in a few weeks become a clerk in the State Treasury, succeeding Robert L. Burkhead, who goes to Norfolk to engage in business.

ould be certain to start with surprise at naving pointed out to you an essentially refined and most attractive young woman who books more fitted to reign in the drawing-room than to stand upon the deck of a steamboat. And you would feet infinitely relieved when she tells you that she is, after all, a steamboat captain only in a feminine sort of way, that is she is spared the hardships of the life, for herhusband, Captain Bowling S. Leathers, is, as a rule, in charge of the boat, and only in his absence does the full responsibility fall upon the young and handsome wife, who, for fourteen years, has lived upon the river, until she is so familian with it and the steamboat business that after passing a brilliant examination, she flourish in regard to it.

DEATH OF A BURNED CHILD.

Benjamin Gammon Found peechless and Unconscious. SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., February 25.-(Special.)-The little child of Mr. J. S. Coleman, which was burned so badly about two weeks ago, as reported in this

post, who dignifies any process, who dignifies any process to follow, for here is a cultured young woman more than ordinarily handsome, to the manner born, the daughter of a Louisiana planter (James S. Douglas, of Tensas Parish), reared in the privacy of an isolated home, educated under private tutors, entering a field that requires a thorough technical knowledge, executive ability, courage, concentration of purpose, and coolness in emergency, attributes that were deemed heretofore only possible to a strong man. More proud of the opportunity of earning laurels as a steamboat capitaln and her husband's helpmate, than of the social triumphs that she could so easily win in the charmed circle to which her birth and breeding entitle her. about two weeks ago, as reported in this correspondence, died yesterday.

Mr. Benjamin Gammon, aged about 70 years, keeps a mill a few miles from town. A few evenings ago he went out just before dark to shoot some ducks about the pond. At dark he did not return. Later his family became uneasy about him, and instituted a search.

They kept it up all night, but did not find him until daylight. He had failen down on the snow, and was unable to get up. He was speechless and unconscious, and has remained so ever since. He was subject to fits of eramp, and it is thought he fell under such a stroke and was unable to get up.

Mr. N. Biggs has returned from Norfolk, where he went on a business trip. Bishop Cheshire spent a day and night here last week, on his regular visitation to the Episcopal church of this place. He preached morning and evening, and large crowds went to hear him.

Friday night a Washington birthday-party was given at the Female Academy.

KATHERINE NOBLES.

a length twice its width makes an exact square for each side-lox25 feet having been found to give the amount of space most desirable for teams of five on a

While the game may be played by three

On each goal-line place three pairs of Indian-clubs of three pounds weight each, one pair in the centre, and the others three feet from the posts, the clubs of each pair being eighteen inches apart. With teams of five the three stationed in front of the clubs serve as guards, or goal-tenders, while the forwards act

when the game is played out of doors, and a larger number than usually make a team wish to play, several courts can be laid out side by side, the right side line of one answering for the left side line of one answering for the left side line.

of another Wands, or sticks, projecting three feet above the ground, may take the place of the Indian-clubs. A round rubber ball, filled with air,

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diameter, and weighing about a pound, completes the outfit. DIRECTIONS FOR PLAYING.

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The best throwers must stand in front and the best catchers guard the goals. The side having the ball, which may be decided by the toss of a coin, tries to throw it between the goal-posts of the other side. If it succeeds in doing so ten points are scored in its favor; falling to make a goal, but hitting a club, or post, five points are counted. If the ball only passes the goal line under the cord three points are made. Should the ball go over the goal cord it is a foul, and counts one against the side throwing it. If a thrower

against the side throwing it. If a thrower slips over the centre foul line two points are counted against his side.

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Two ten-minute innings, with a five-minutes' rest between, makes a short, sharp, and exciting game.

An interesting feature of the game is the frequency with which the score is changed, first one side and then the other being ahead, which, with well-matched teams, leaves the final result uncertain until the last moment of play has expired.

gues, gives special exercise to the muscles of the back, chest, waist, and left arm, as well as the right arm, and it is free from danger of any kind that would be hazardous to life or limb; and another argument in its favor, it is also a game suitable for girls as well as boys.

DIANA CROSSWAYS.

Can They Take a Hint!

(Petersburg Index-Appeal.)

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Some of the officers of the First Regiment will resign, but there are others who will hold on until the regiment has gone to pieces. Ordinarily a man of delicate sensibilities does not require more than a gentle intimation that his services could be dispensed with, but it looks as if a few militia officers in Richmond are as incapable of taking a hint as a blind herse would be of acknowledging a nod. And more's the pity for the regiment.

large crowds went to hear him.
Friday night a Washington birthdayparty was given at the Female Academy.
The entertainment was pronounced fine,
and the proceeds—\$30—went to purchase
books for the academy library.

While the game may be played by three, four, six, or even more, five is the ideal number for each side.

The lines should be marked on the floor or ground, as shown in the diagram. There is a centre foul-line and the end foul-, base-, or goal-lines; the border beyond represents the stop-nets, which may be set five feet behind the goal-lines. Over the goal-lines, and seven feet above them, cords should be stretched from posts set at the corners of the court.

On each goal-line place three pairs of Indian-clubs of three pounds weight each. as it does on the eve of his marriage, as cards were out only a few days ago announcing the union of Mr. Clayton to Miss Maggie B. Smith, cldest daughter of Mrs. Louis G. Smith, of this place, on March 6th, in the Presbyterian church.

Weldon Store Robbed Three Times WELDON, N. C., February 25.-(Special.)-Thieves entered the store of Mr. cial.)—Thieves entered the store of Mr. M. Fredlander here last night, and carried away a large lot of clothing, shoes, etc. This is the third time this same store has been broken into within 'he past few months. There is no clew. The Roanoke Rapids people at a recent meeting here arranged to push the work of building their factories to a rapid completion. The cotton-mill will be the next one on which work will begin. The knitting-mill is now going up.

The Steinhelper Residence Burned. FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., February 25.— (Special.)—The Steinhelper residence was burned at 8:36 o'clock this evening. Frank Thornton, the owner, loses \$2.000 on the building, but is fully insured. The Steinhelper family loses all its furniture, valued at \$1,000, with no insurance. W. T. Weeden's and E. C. Smith's adjoining residences and furniture were damaged residences and furniture were damaged

Mrs. Mary S. Speight's Bequests. Mrs. Mary S. Speight's Bequests.
RALEIGH, N. C., February 25.—(Special.)—The will of Mrs. Mary S. Speight, of Kaleigh, bequeathed \$10,000 to the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill; \$1,000 to the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina; \$500 to the Diocese of East Carolina for missionary purposes; \$80 to Christ church, and \$500 to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, this city.

. Fatal Shooting at Lexington. winston, N. C., February 25.—(Special.)—Dr. R. L. Payne, St., the oldest and best-known physician of Lexington, was shot and killed at 11:20 o'clock today by Baxter Chemwell, a young business-man of that place. The killing was the result of bad feeling existing between the two parties named.

Close of the Missionary Conference "Souvenir of Fashions," ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., February 25.— (Special.)—The missionary conference at the Methodist church closed to-day. On Saturday Rev. Mr. Ivey, of Wilson, de-livered an address on "Heroes of Mis-

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sions." Dr. Kilgo, president of Trinity College, preached an able and eloquent sermon Sunday morning on "The Father-hood of God and Sonship of Christ." A collection amounting to nearly \$300

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Mr. W. A. Campbell has returned from Washington city.

The cotton market here is unusually active to-day, the sales being considerably larger than for some time. Not-withstanding the low price the farmers are making preparations for another crop. This is the case in Edgecombe county, while in Nash they are preparing for tobacco, and plant-beds can be seen everywhere.

Mr. C. Dunkel received a telegram this afternoon agnouncing the death of his to create a new county out of part or Cleveland and other counties; to provide for maintenance of the penitentiary; to allow sale of timber-trees before parti-tion; to incorporate the Norfolk and Camden railway; to better maintain the Bureau of Labor statistics; to prevent the sale of adulterated meal and flour; to prevent the sale of adulterated kerosene. Bills were passed incorporating the Car-olina and Northern railway; to allow guaranty companies to make bonds for State, county, and municipal officers, and

afternoon apnouncing the death of his daughter, Mrs. Flynn, of Pantego, N. C. HAMPDEN-SIDNEY COLLEGE.

Intermediate Celebration of the Union and Philanthropic Societies. HAMPDEN-SIDNEY, VA., February -(Special.)-The 1634 anniversary of George Washington's Birthday was very

Senator Franck, President of the Senate, is dying of pneumonia at his boarding-house here. Another, Senator Ammons, is dangerously sick.

The insurance bill prepared by the Senate committee and based on several other bills, was acted on the day, all of its sections, save two, being struck out. The sections which remain provide, first, for an increase of the license-tax on life companies from \$160 to \$200; and, second, to forbid any compact by fire companies, or agents, to control insurance rates. The report of the committee was unanimously against the creation of the office of insurance commissioner. It is favorable for the first and without prejudice on the second section as above.

TO ADJOURN.

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George Washington's Birthday was very appropriately celebrated here last Friday. The occasion was that of the joint annual intermediate celebration of the Union and Philanthropic societies. The exercises were held in the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was rowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was rowded with friends of the college chapel, which was rowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was rowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was rowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was crowded with friends of the college chapel, which was c appropriately celebrated here last Friday.

ginia, subject—"To Thine Own Self be True."

From the Union Society—Messrs. J. P. Sheffey. Virginia, subject—"Lights and Shadows": Alexander Spotswood, Virginia, subject—"Torkstown and H. P. McClintic, Virginia, subject—"Torkstown and Its Surrender." All of the speakers acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner, and their orations were received with hearty applause by the audience. The speaking alternated with excellent music by a fine string band from Lynchburg, Va.

After the exercises were over the fair ones, with their escorts, repaired to the society halls, which had been thrown open and brilliantly lighted for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening until 12 P. M. was spent in social converse by the students and the young ladies. Thus passed another one of those pleasant evenings which will ever be fondly remembered by those who particl.

pleasant evenings which will ever be fondly remembered by those who participated therein. AFTERNOON GYMNASIUM EXHIBIT.

BEAVER DAM DEPOT. VA., Feb. 25,-RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

There are a few signs of railway construction in the State, the first of any importance in two years or more. Three new railway chariers have been granted thus far by this Legislature.

In the house to-day the resolution to reduce salaries and fees was unfavorably reported. At one time there was quite a flourish in regard to it. ower of the Gospei in plain, strong, and effective language. No one who listened to him could have failed to understand him, and no one who understood him will ever forget his discourse. Carefully written out and printed in tract-form, and scattered broadcast throughout the land, it, would do leadstoble good.

it would do incalculable good.

Our lands are still locked up so securely Our lands are still locked up so securely by frost and snow that the farmers are not able to use pick, plow, or hoe. I sup-pose when the winter breaks up it will break up for good, and then the farmers will have to rush their business to se-

will have to rush their business to secure crops.

I guess the condition of the planets must have some effect on the weather. I never noticed in the almanacs so many conjunctions of the planets. It is either Mars or the moon, or Venus and the moon, or some other planet and the moon; for she seems to be coquetting with first one and then another, and sometimes with two at a time. with two at a time.

MONEY MATTERS.

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Can't you tell us country people what Congress is going to do about the finances of the country? For aught we know and from what we hear there is a pienty of money in this country; but it is all, or most all, confined to the great moneycentres. The "plutocrats," as they are called, keep it there to speculate or gamble with A poor country fellow with a little property and no money is afraid to move a peg towards borrowing money on his property, no matter how necessary it may be to his business. Money appreciates and property depreciates so fast that may be to his business. Money appreciates and property depreciates so fast that mortgage of half his property may mean a mortgage on the whole.

We would like State banks if the directors and officers were made personally responsible for the bank issues. Then the

An Assignment at Oxford.

OXFORD, N. C., February 25.—(Special.)—M. T. Clayton, merchant, made an assignment Saturday night, naming as assignee H. M. Shaw. His liabilities are small, while his assets are even more limited. Mr. Clayton began business here last fall with a small stock of goods and limited capital. His failure just at this time is peculiarly unfortunate, coming as it does on the eve of his marriage, as cards were out only a few days ago an anomalier.

Funeral of Mr. G. A. Bush BEDFORD CITY, February 25.—(Special.)—On Sunday afternoon the funeral services of Mr. Griffin A. Bush took place from the Methodist church in the presence of a crowded church. Rev. Dr. Christian, the pastor of the church, assisted by Rev. Dr. Murray, of the President of the Church and Rev. Mr. Possil. byterian church, and Rev. Mr. Royall of the Baptist church, performed the

of the Baptist church, performed the services.

Mr. Bush was a native of Bedford county, had resided in the town for a number of years, where he conducted a livery stable. He leaves a wife and six children. He was a very large man, the picture of health, until several weeks ago, when he scratched his hand with a piece of wire, which caused some irritation at first, and finally developed into crysipelas. He suffered intensely for about ten days. He was about 45 years of age. He was a member of the Knights of Honor, which organization attended the funeral in a body.

The audience that attended the entertainment of Polk Miller on Saturday night was one of the largest that ever assembled in the Opera-House, and a more sympathetic and appreciative one he must have rarely ever had. After the programme was over repeated cheers and encores would induce him to give just one more song or recitation. The enterstainment throughout was one of the most delightful that has ever been here, and he must be heard to be truly appreciated in his unrivalled delineation of the negro, as he was in the old times 'fore de war.

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gatt Too Small to Justify Pursuit. LEXINGTON, VA., February 25.-(Special.)-The Chesapeake and Ohio rallway collector, who was here to interview the county and bank officials in regard to the capture of Cashler Figgatt, and what reward was up, left on the first outgoing train, and said \$600 was too small for him to make any effort in the capture of the fugitive. He stated that Figsatt bought a ticket on his train from Huntthe fugitive: He stated that Figsatt bought a ticket on his train from Huntington to Cincinnati, and that he was with him for over an hour in Cincinnati, also, when he purchased another ticket for a certain point. He had previously inquired the route to a certain point, but said he did not wish to go the way the collector stated, and chose another route. He reported, also, that the fugitive had a large roll of money on his person, and that the smallest bill was 50. One of the collector's parting remarks was, "that he was not wanted very badly, when only \$500 reward was offered for a man who took \$159,000." It is very evident that no detective agency or others similarly employed will redeavor to capture him for so it-significant a reward, and a larger one should certainly be offered, and the State officials increase theirs from a paltry \$500 reward to at least \$2,000, for Virginia had in the wrecked bank, through the Virginia Military Institute and County Treasurer, a sum agregating \$37,000. No effort should be suggested by the State Treasurer, a sum aggregating \$37,000. No effort should be spared by the State officials, for our county officials are helpeless in the matter. This is the sentiment voiced by the people of Rockbridge county—and voiced openly.

MRS. CLIFTON ROBERSON DEAD.

Witnesses Being Summoned in the Fleming Trial-Snow and Cold. CLINTWOOD, VA., February 25.-(Spe clal.)-Your correspondent has just learn ed that Mrs. Clifton Roberson, of the upper end of this county, died a day or

ral weeks. Mrs. Roberson was comparatively a young woman, being only a little past 39 years of age.

Quite a number of witnesses are being summoned from this county in the trial of Henan Fleming, at Wise, for the murder of the Mullins family. The trial is set for next week. Both the prosecution and defence have witnesses from this county. There will be a large array of witnesses sworn in the trial, as many are summoned from the counties of Pike and Lessher to Kontucky.

Lieut. S. D. Rockenbach Recalled. LEXINGTON, VA., February 25.—(Special.)—Lieutenant S. D. Rockenbach, of the Tenth United States Cavairy, who has been commandant of the corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute for the past six months, and who was granted a furlough by the army of feials, was recalled on Saturday to active AFTERNOON GYMNASHUM EXHIBIT.

In the afternoon of the same day at 5 o'clock, Professor W. J. King and his class gave the residents of the Hill the pleasure of seeing a splendid gymnastic exhibition. The young men who composed the class did their part well, and by their splendid work reflected great credit upon their professor, Mr. King, who has been training them all the session.

The following young gentlemen composed the class: Messrs, Bull, Chumbley, Pence, Shelton, Caldwell, Ficklin, Douglas, Rudd, Lineweaver, Williams, Fleming, Lewis, and Hudson, Professor King has every reason to be proud of his excellent class, and the audience are-greatly indebted to them for the enjoyable entertainment they were given.

REV. PAUL WHITEHEAD PREACH'D

A Sermon Needed by the Times in Plain, Strong, Effective Language.

Suicide of Mr. T. F. Williams. The community of Burgess's Store, Northumberland county, was thrown in and a night respectively. The second report of the pistol in the left breast and right temple. Mr. Williams committed the fatal act about 7 o'clock, while alone in the house—his wife and child being in the yard at the time. When the first shot was fired Mrs. Williams and her little child thought some one had shot a gun in the woods; when the second report of the pistol was heard she was confident that it was in the house. As she entered the door she the house. As she entered the door she was shocked to find her husband lying prostrate upon a lounge, with a 32-calibre pistol by his side and blood pouring from the two self-inflicted wounds. He died in a few minutes. Mr. Williams had been in bad health for some time.

Intermediate Celebrations.

LEXINGTON, VA., February 25.—(Special.)—The Cadet and Dialetic societies of the Virginia Military Institute held their Intermediate celebration in the Dialect-Society Hall, and followed the celebration by an entertainment by the Dramatic Club.

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The Washington and Lee Literary
Society held its intermediate celebration in the university chapel
on the evening of Washington's
natal day, and Mr. E. A. Quarles,
of Virginia, was awarded the declaimer's
medal, and Mr. C. A. MacHite, Jr., of
Virginia, tile medal for the best debate.

A Fatal Shooting Affray.

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IRONGATE, VA., February 25.—(Special.)—Saturday night at a negro dance in the western part of this town a general row took place, in which Paul Snead was shot by Anthony Bell and severely, if not fatally, wounded. Both were colored. As yet no arrests have been made. News has just reached us of the death of Dr. R. G. Bradley, at Glen Wilton.

Relief of Unemployed. Relief of Unemployed.

LONDON, February 25.—James Kler Hardie, M. P., had another hearing to-day before the House of Commons Committee which is considering plans for the relief of the unemployed. He admitted that the distress was so widespread that a state grant of \$5,900,000 would only tide over the needs of unemployed throughout the country for six weeks.

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Mr. John Burns asked if state grants would not have the effect of debauching worthless people for a generation to come.

Mr. Hardie replied: "No, if there is any debauching going on now, it is being done under the influence of charity relieffunds."

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(Harper's Young People.)

(Harper's Young People.)

Bil Brown's babyish brothers (both being bad boys) bamboozled bandy-legged Bartholomew Braham by broaking Bernice Braham's beautiful bamboo bonbon basket.

Bernice being Bartholomew's brother, became beligerent: because, before Bill's bad brothers broke Bernice's beautiful bamboo bonbon basket, both began behaving badly by besmearing Bartholomew's book's binding.

Both Browns being big babies boggled before Bartholomew.

Bartholomew.

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Bartholomew beat both Browns badly.

Both Browns being big babies began boohoolng. Bernice bellowed, "Bravo, Barty! Beat both braggodocios!" Barty beat both bravely.

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